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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6-10. (Canceled)

¹11. (Previously presented) A method for skin softening, comprising oral administration of hyaluronic acid in the form of a soft gelatin capsule having a dosage of between 35 to 45 mg and a molecular weight between 50,000 and 200,000 daltons.

12-15. (Canceled)

¹216. (Previously presented) The method of claim ¹11, wherein the soft gelatin capsule further includes beeswax.

¹317. (Previously presented) The method of claim ¹11, wherein the soft gelatin capsule further includes rice bran oil.